

should be to prove that sectional differences no longer offer pretexts for political enmities.

The Author having been an officer employed actively in Militia duties during that eventful period of Canadian history, judged it right to place an impartial account of "the Rebellion," as it has somewhat magniloquently been styled, before the public.

Uninfluenced by party, professing only the good of the country, and the upholding of the renown of Britain, and possessed of very accurate information on the subject, he desired only that it may be considered that his work was mere matter of history, as far as that Rebellion is concerned, being fully aware that very different feelings now possess those persons who figured in the ranks of the rebel levies, and that those altered feelings would be displayed should United Canada be invaded by any foreign aggressor.

It is a pleasant thing to write a book, still more pleasant to print one, and superlatively pleasant to have it well received by one's countrymen; but an author, however he may satisfy his own feelings, soon finds that he has merely started from the point whereat he trusted he might fairly hope, as one candidate for fame, that his efforts would be crowned with at least partial success. That inexorable judge, the public, discovers many things in the course wherein the aspirant is wanting, and tells him plainly of his deficiencies without reserve and without remorse. He hears the truth, undistorted by personal vanity or by friendly commendation, and thus is enabled to rectify on a future occasion, as far as in him is, omissions, blunders, and errors.

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